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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James O. Farmer et al.

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Communicating Optical Signals
Between A Data Service Provider
And Subscribers

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Examiner: A. Bello

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RULE 312 AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Box Issue Fee
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 20, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed August 9, 2004 Applicants submit an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to correct formal matters to the claims. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider and enter these amendments prior to issuance of the patent. These amendments are being transmitted concurrently with payment of the issue fee and the issue fee transmittal (attached).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

I certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to 703-746-4000, Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 20, 2004.

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